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SUBJECT: CUBAN PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SUGAR PRODUCERS GROUP

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO GUYANA OF CUBA TRADE COMMISSIONER ABDO SOTO PRIETO AND HEAD OF CUBA'S NATIONAL SUGAR COMPANY (CUBAZUCAR) EMILIANO LEZCANO, THEY DISCUSSED WITH GOG OFFICIALS FORMATION OF OPEC-TYPE ORGANIZATION OF SUGAR PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THIS WAS REPORTED IN GOG PRESS (CHRONICLE) ON SEPTEMBER 9. LOCAL SUGAR COMPANY OFFICIALS SO FAR HAVE MADE NO COMMENTS ON REPORT.

2. TODAY (SEPTEMBER 11) REUTERS ARTICLE DATED LINED PORT OF SPAIN CITES GOERGETOWN DISCUSSION AND ALLEGES NORMAN GIRWAR, HEAD OF TRINIDAD ISLAND-WIDE CANE FARMERS ASSOCIATION, HEAD OF TRINIDAD ISLAND-WIDE CANE FARMERS ASSOCIATION, APPROVES OF PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT: WITHOUT DELVING INTO ECONOMIC MERITS OF CUBAN
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PROPOSAL, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT MAY MARK SIGNIFICANT

MOVE BY CUBA TO ASSERT A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN CARIBBEAN. TRADE
COMMISSIONER SOTO PRIETO NOTED THAT A QUOTE HIGH
LEVEL UNQUOTE TRADE TEAM WOULD SHORTLY TRAVEL TO
GUYANA. FROM WHAT BITS AND PIECES WE PICK UP HERE, IT
IT APPARENT THAT CUBAN INITIATIVES ARE COORDINATED BETWEEN
JAMAICA, TRINIDAD AND GUYANA. GIVEN THRUST OF THIRD WORLD ATTITUDE
TOWARDS PRODUCERS GROUPS, CUBANS ARE NOT JUST
WHISTLING IN THE DARK. IN GUYANA AT LEAST, THEY
HAVE FOUND A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.
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